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The object of this note, is to call the attention of the Ladies of Boston to the District of Columbia, the Seat of Government of the United States, and over which Congress is empowered, by the Constitution, to exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever. By an act of the First Congress, the right of petition for the redress of grievances, was granted to *all*. By the census of 1830, the District of Columbia contains 6,050 Slaves. Some of these are, doubtless, treated with as much kindness as is consistent with the deprivation of their rights. But *every Slave, of both sexes, is liable, at any moment, to be bought, sold, and imprisoned in irons, flogged so as to occasion death, or separated from all that is dear, and sent to the plantations of the far South, where the average length of life is four years. Regular and extensive Slave-dealers, licensed by Government, carry on a Slave-Trade, as horrible as was ever perpetrated on earth. The dreadful facts which transpire in the Slave dungeons, have been certified and are admitted. They cannot be disproved. Unless we do all we can for the extinction of Slavery in this District; unless we feel aggrieved by its existence, and petition for the redress of that grievance, we are partakers in the crime. A petition will soon be handed you. We earnestly implore you for your own sakes no less than for the sake of your God, your country, and the Slave, not to refuse your signature.*

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Martha Perkins is
engaged to be King
an acknowledged
engagement. Write
out to night by Mrs
K. I think Aunt
Percilla better.

Yours ever

Anne

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